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To help focus attention upon the three Auburn football games to be played this fall at Cramton Bowl in Montgomery, this number of **The Alumnus** has been designated the "Montgomery Issue". At these games, and at all others this season, you will witness the performance of an up-and-coming Tiger eleven.

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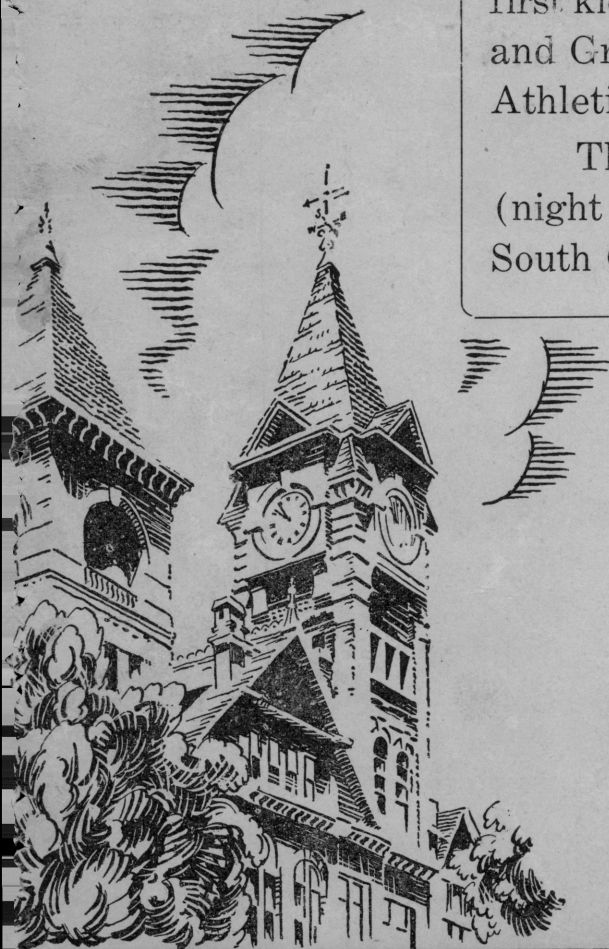
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1931-32 Enrollment Expected to Reach 2,000 Mark

THAT THE total enrollment at Auburn this year may reach 2,000 students is the belief of college officials. Records show that the registration for the first three days of the fall session was ahead of the figures for the same time last year. A much larger percentage are earning their way than in previous years.

Students registered during the week beginning Monday, September 7, and classes for upperclassmen began on Wednesday following the opening.

Special exercises were held during the opening week to acquaint freshmen with Auburn and college life. The new men did not attend their first classes until Friday and Saturday, September 11 and 12.

Football practice was started on September 7, when the squad began the season's grind with a double workout. Over 50 men compose the squad, and included are 20 lettermen and 26 members of last year's freshman eleven.

A change in the organization of the Y. M. C. A. has been made this year. Membership, contrary to the practice in preceding years, is voluntary, and a full-time secretary has been secured. Faybert Martin, of Eastland, Texas, will act in this capacity.

Five fraternities have entered new or rebuilt houses this session as a result of an extensive building program carried on during the summer. The entire fraternity-house development represents an investment of approximately \$85,000. Sigma Phi Epsilon has moved into a newly built home; the Pi Kappa Alpha house is under construction. The Alpha Gamma Rho's have moved into a home near Comer Hall, whereas, the S. A. E.'s are located in their old home which has been completely remodelled. The Sigma Pi's have moved into an old house that has been renovated for temporary occupancy.

Comparatively few changes were made in the faculty this year.

In the school of architecture and allied arts Max Williams has been

employed as instructor in architectural engineering and Charles Francis Davis, Jr., as assistant in applied art. Mr. Williams and Mr. Davis received their training at Auburn. They were selected by Dean Frederic Child Biggin.

Two changes were made in the department of mathematics as announced by Prof. B. H. Crenshaw, head of the department. Frank Ordway will fill the place made vacant by resignation of George Richard Trott, and Thomas P. Brown has been appointed

and other students. Thomas P. Brown is an Auburn graduate with the class of 1931.

Military Department

In the military department Maj. Gustav H. Franke has succeeded Maj. John T. Kennedy as commandant and Lieut. Joseph V. Phelps is assistant professor in the place formerly held by Lieut. Clarence P. Townsley.

Dean J. W. Scott, of the school of science and literature, announces only one change in the teaching faculty of the department of business administration. Prof. B. P. Marple is on leave and his place will be filled by Irvin B. Gritz, of the Oklahoma A. and M. College.

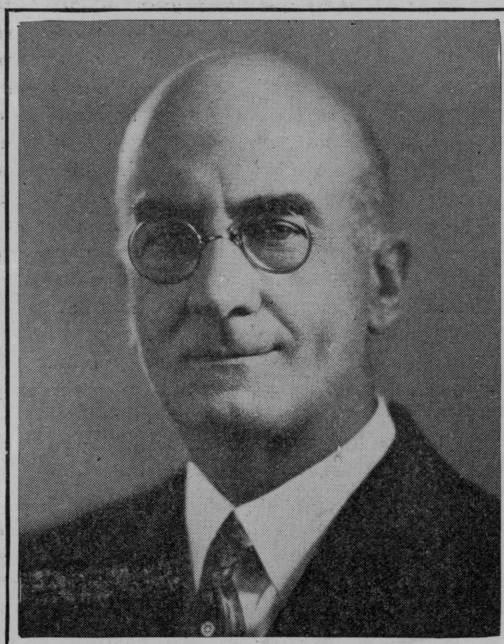
Five members of the English faculty of last year will not return. They are Harold Hutchins, Lyman Judson, C. W. Reeves, J. D. Shaver, and T. C. Harrison. New professors on the English faculty as announced by Prof. J. R. Rutland will be Gay W. Allen, A.M., Duke University; T. L. McCrea, A.B., Mississippi College, and A.M., University of Texas; E. D. Hess, B.A., Kirksville (Mo.) Teachers' College; and Telfair B. Peet, A.B., Columbia University, and A.M., University of North Carolina.

Agriculture School

Several new faces will appear in the faculty of the school of agriculture. Dr. Elmer H. Mereness will be associate professor of agricultural economics, doing research work. Dr. Mereness was trained at Cornell University, where he received his B.S. degree in 1926 and his doctorate in 1931. Dee R. Eoff, a University of Arkansas graduate, will be research assistant in agricultural economics, doing work out in the State.

Dr. Hiram F. Thut will be assistant professor in botany, engaged in teaching general botany, systematic botany, poisonous plants, and histology. Dr. Thut is from Ohio. He received his A.B. degree at Buffton College in 1925, his A.M. degree at Ohio State University in 1926, and

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PRESIDENT BRADFORD KNAPP

Who, on September 1, began his fourth scholastic year as the directing head of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. Marked improvement and steady growth have characterized Dr. Knapp's administration.

instructor for 1931-32 in the place of Prof. Z. M. Pirenian, who is on leave one year as a graduate student at the University of Florida. William R. Coleman has been appointed as a teaching fellow in mathematics.

Prof. Ordway graduated at Auburn in 1911 and received his M.S. degree at Howard College in 1926. He taught for 10 years in the Birmingham public school system. His last position there was head of the department of mathematics in Phillips High School. In addition to teaching mathematics Prof. Ordway will do special work with freshmen



Opening of School

AFTER a very successful summer school two weeks had to be devoted to getting the whole plant ready for the opening of the regular session on September 7. As this is being written the enrollment is not complete but at the present time shows a comfortable increase over last year. The total enrollment for the year will run very close to 2,000. Of course that figure will not be reached until the whole enrollment, including the second semester, has been finished. More students have applied for jobs this year and greater difficulty has been found in finding ways to help needy students. The President of the United States, through his organization for Unemployment Relief, has brought to the attention of every college president in America the importance of keeping students in college this year. If we only had some additional loan funds, or an extra amount of money with which we could finance some badly needed jobs on the campus, this institution could easily take care of even a larger number of students. The faculty has been exceedingly loyal and fine in all of their attitudes toward the president of the school, and thus we enter a new school year full of hope and ambition for the good of Auburn. Noteworthy increases in the enrollment will be found in Chemical Engineering, Textile Engineering, Veterinary Medicine, and a number of other divisions of the institution.

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What Makes Real Spirit

COLLEGE SPIRIT is a wonderful thing. It is hard to define, yet we recognize it when we feel it. I know it does not consist merely of yelling at games, or the by-play of initiating a freshman class, or anything of that sort. I think it is tied up in very deep love for the institution, love of the friendships formed here, regard for the faculty, and appreciation of the benefits conferred by the institution in a thousand and one ways far beyond the classroom and laboratory. I cannot believe that real college spirit can be

created by hazing, or cutting anybody's hair, or doing any other thing merely superficial. I think it is too deep and too important for any such trivial things. Self-respect is an important part of it. Respect for the institution is a greater part of it. No man can have these unless he is of high character himself and recognizes the high character of those about him. There has been a disposition on the part of some of the older alumni of Auburn to think the Auburn spirit will suffer if Auburn men are real gentlemen and gain in culture, refinement, and all of those other qualities which we recognize to be superior in the world. I know that we have the so-called "he-man" spirit here at Auburn. I hope Auburn will not "kid" herself into believing that this spirit does not exist anywhere else, for it does. I have been striving since I have been here to raise the standard of the appearance of the student body, to still hold a virile, strong, aggressive, masculine spirit, while at the same time holding up the idealism of the institution to the very highest degree. I do believe that the fine young men in their gray uniforms have been a contribution to Auburn. I do believe the student body presents a better appearance. I am just as sure as I can be there is real spirit here, just as fine as the spirit of any group in this country. If this student body has been disappointed because we have lost games at times and has not turned out to "pep" meetings as it should, that is not because they did not have their hair cut but because we lost games. Whenever we win games again, and even if we do lose games, I believe this student body has loyalty and devotion enough to stay by and see it through until we are on top. I should like to know what the alumni think about this subject.

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Athletic Prospects

The football prospects look good. That is, we have a better team than we had last year. They have come back to college in fine spirit, practically all of them in excellent physical condition and, I will say, that the

condition and spirit of the team are far ahead of what they were last year. Of course we must remember that many of the members of the team are lacking in experience and, as a whole, the team is what we would call a light team. They are going to make up in fighting ability and spirit for some of the shortcomings in other ways. The coaching staff is doing a great piece of work. The freshman material looks good. We will have a chance to see what they are doing before very long. Altogether, I think we are going to make a strong bid to win some games this year. At least I feel very much more confident than I have felt in a long time. Our coaching staff is just as good as we can get. I only wish we had more help for them. We need more help. I want to impress upon the alumni that the Athletic Department is in debt, and that we must stay by and insist upon paying these debts and getting things in good shape. The only way I know to do this is to back up the team as strongly as we can.

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Necessity for Economy

AN INCREASE in enrollment, many increased responsibilities, and less funds to do with create a situation in which economy is the most important word. Much as we need additional improvements, the building fund does not continue. We have had a hard financial situation for sometime past due to the uncertainty of our income from the state. During this period there has been the finest kind of cooperation on the part of the staff in every way. They have sacrificed and worked as earnestly as any group I have ever seen. The students themselves, who are coming to college in increased numbers, are also strong for economy.

By the way, one of the finest things we have seen done here in a long time is the building of the new private dormitory by Mr. Sam Wittel. This dormitory holds 190 students and I think the boys who are occupying it are going to be very happy in their new surroundings.

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General R. E. Lee Bought "Traveller" From Dr. Broun's Brother

SINCE JUNE of 1908, when Thomas L. Broun of Charleston, W. Va., eldest brother of former Auburn President, William L. Broun, sent the picture of "Traveller" and his famous master to Auburn, it has been hanging in the office of the President. Of the painter of the picture, which shows Generals Lee and Jackson astride their war-horses, we know nothing; of the gallant horse a great deal is known. It is shown, according to the legend signed by Thos. L. Broun, "as he looked in February, 1862, when Gen. R. E. Lee purchased him of me".

Printed on a broadside attached to the back of the picture is a brief history of "Traveller" which Thomas L. Broun calls "some items respecting this now famous war-horse", originally appearing in the Richmond (Va.) *Dispatch* of August 10th, 1866:

"He was raised by Mr. Johnson, near the Blue Sulphur Springs, in Greenbrier County, Va., (now West Virginia), was of the 'Gray Eagle' stock and, as a colt, took the first premium under the name of 'Jeff Davis' at the Lewisburg fair for each of the years 1859 and 1860. He was four years old in the spring of 1861.

"When the 'Wise Legion' was encamped on Sewell mountains, opposing the advance of the Federal army under General Rosecrans, in the fall of 1861, I was Major to the Third Regiment of infantry in that Legion, and my brother, Captain Joseph M. Broun, was quartermaster to the same regiment. I authorized my brother to purchase a good serviceable horse of the best Greenbrier stock for our use during the war. After much inquiry and search he came across the horse above mentioned, and I purchased him for \$175 (gold value) in the fall of 1861 of Captain James W. Johnson, son of Mr. Johnson first above mentioned. When the 'Wise Legion' was encamped about Meadow Bluff and Big Sewell mountains, I rode this horse, which was then greatly admired in the camp for his rapid, springy walk, his

high spirit, bold carriage and muscular strength. He needed neither whip nor spur, and would walk five or six miles an hour over the rough mountain roads of West Virginia, with his rider sitting firmly in the saddle and holding him in check by a tight rein, such vim and eagerness did he manifest to go right ahead soon as he was mounted.

"When General Lee took command of the Wise Legion and Floyd Brigade that were encamped at and near Big Sewell mountains in the fall of 1861, he first saw this horse and

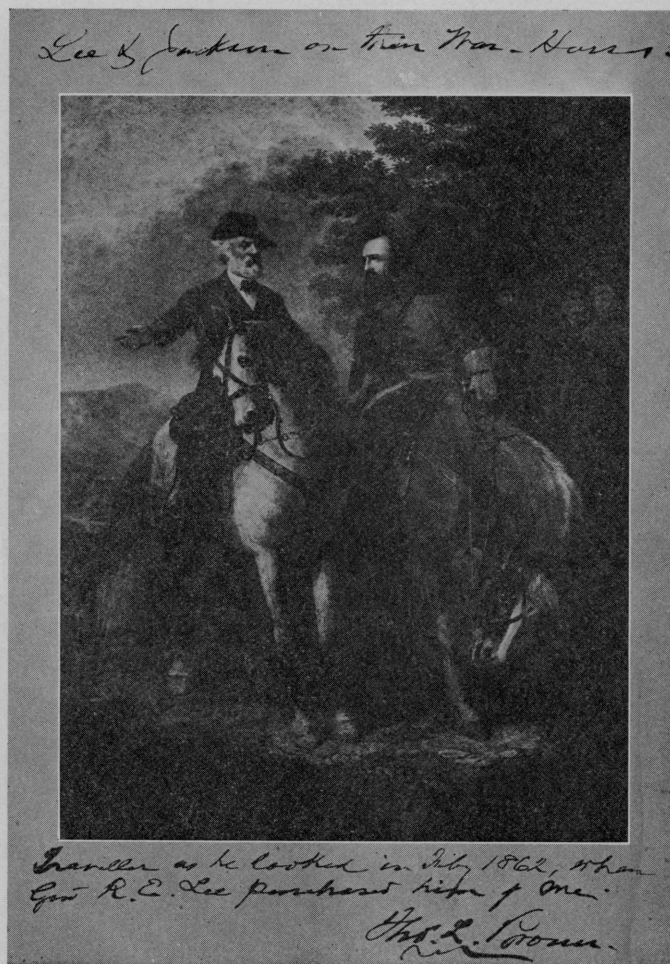
thereupon ordered to South Carolina. The third regiment of the 'Wise Legion' was subsequently detached from the army in Western Virginia and ordered to the South Carolina coast, where it was known as the Sixtieth Virginia regiment under Colonel Starke. Upon seeing my brother on this horse, near Pocotaligo, in South Carolina, General Lee at once recognized the horse, and again inquired of him pleasantly about his 'colt'. My brother then offered him the horse as a gift, which the General promptly declined, and at the

time remarked: 'If you will willingly sell me the horse I will gladly use it for a week or so to learn its qualities.' Thereupon my brother had the horse sent to General Lee's stable. In about a month the horse was returned to my brother, with a note from General Lee stating that the animal suited him, but that he could no longer use so valuable a horse in such times, unless it were his own, that if he (my brother) would not sell, please keep the horse with many thanks. This was in February, 1862. At that time I was in Virginia on the sick list from a long and severe attack of camp fever, contracted in the campaign on Big Sewell mountains. My brother wrote me of General Lee's desire to have the horse and asked me what he should do. I replied at once: 'If he will not accept it, then sell it to him at what it cost me.' He then sold the horse to General Lee for \$200 in currency, the sum of \$25 having been added by General Lee to the price

I gave for the horse in September, 1861, to make up for the depreciation in our currency from September, 1861, to February, 1862.

"In 1868 General Lee wrote to my brother stating that his horse had survived the war—was known as 'Traveller' (spelling the word with a double 'l' in good English style), and asking for its pedigree, which was obtained as above mentioned

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took a great fancy to it. He called it his colt, and said he would need it before the war was over. When the General saw my brother on this horse he had something pleasant to say to him about 'my colt', as he designated this horse.

"As the winter approached, the climate in West Virginia mountains caused Rosecrans' army to abandon its position on Big Sewell and retreat westward. General Lee was

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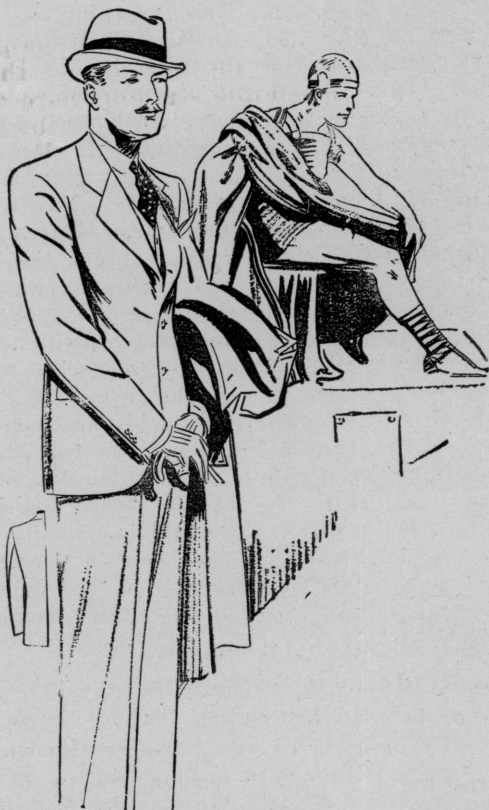
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THE ALUMNI—"In a very just sense and in a very large degree the fortunes of the University (or college) are committed to your hands."—DR. JAMES B. ANGELL.

Auburn Heroes POST-BELLUM honors come slowly to the men whose duty it was to represent us in the recent World War, but they do come. The naming of one of the myriad of American Legion Posts in commemoration of one of these soldiers may seem an empty mockery to a living non-combatant, but to him whose memory of Those Years is based not on vicarious horror but on that which his eyes beheld, this small glory is something else.

Record has come recently of the former Auburn men whose martial qualities justify the naming of posts in this State in their honor, and the list is significant as indicating the type of men who were once Auburn students.

At Atmore is the Billy Glenn Rushing Post. Rushing graduated in 1915. His record is as follows: First Lieutenant Aviation; killed at Tours by machine accident, June 15, 1918; buried at Tours.

At Auburn is the John H. Wills Post. Wills graduated in 1913. His record: West Point, 1912; Major of Engineers; First Honor Graduate, 1916, West Point; killed at Berzy-le-Sec while advancing with his commanding officers and staff to the front lines; he was brigade adjutant of the First Engineers and made several trips among his men under violent fire; his courage and initiative contributed materially to the success of the engagement; he received the D. S. C. and the Croix de Guerre with Palm for what his commander called "exceptional gallantry."

At Brewton is the Claude McCall Post. McCall graduated in 1916. Record: First Lieutenant, First Infantry, Alabama National Guard; killed in action by machine gun fire; he conducted his platoon across river, and upon being withdrawn, his body was brought back and buried in the village of Vilette, August 9, 1918.

At Clio is the Erie (Alire Mooneyham) Post. He was a member of the class of 1922. We regret our inability to secure his war record.

At Greensboro is the Richard Murphy Post. He graduated in 1916. His record is as follows: Lieutenant of Marines; killed in action at Chateau Thierry, June 7, 1918; he was advancing to clean out some German machine gun nests when a shell exploded near his platoon, mortally wounding him.

At Jackson is the John Oliver, Jr., Post. He was a member of the class of '20. His record is as follows: Private 17th Co., 5th Regiment, U. S. M. C. He was killed in France, and was buried in the Oise-Aisne cemetery.

At Opelika is the John H. Powell Post. He graduated in 1906. His record: First Lieuten-

ant, Infantry, 167th Rainbow Division; killed while leading Company I into action; cited for bravery in action.

The record is incomplete, even at this late date; there may be others who have had this signal honor to perpetuate their names through times of peace. There are undoubtedly others, graduates and former students at Auburn, in other States, whose deeds have named posts now organized. To these here named, to those unnamed—all hail, and rest. . .

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**"Like Father—
Like Son"** YOU WOULD be astonished to know just how many members of this year's freshman class come from families of Auburn men. There is an exceedingly creditable number, and in the next issue we shall print these facts in the section "What Became of the Classmates?"

President Knapp joins *The Alumnus* in commendation of this practice by Auburn men to direct their sons, daughters, and kinsmen back to Auburn for their education. Such a practice is evidence of a most wholesome and encouraging attitude among the alumni.

Only a part of the College is on the campus, you know. Without the support of the thousands of old grads in sending students here and in spreading information as to the institution's worth, the growth and on-going of Auburn would be impossible.

It is with real pride that many, many substantial and successful Auburn men returned to the campus during registration this month to enter their sons in college. Pointing to the old Main Building (now Samford Hall) no doubt many "alumni fathers" recounted numerous college boy pranks which brought them in conflict with the strict military discipline of years ago.

In truth can it be said that Auburn's value is reflected in the accomplishments of its alumni. May these youngsters profit likewise as they follow in "dad's footsteps" here on the old campus. We know they will.

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Seven Montgomery Boys Will Appear in Capital City Games

By ELMER G. SALTER

MONTGOMERY, scene of three of Auburn's most attractive games this season, Birmingham-Southern, Tulane, and South Carolina, has the largest representation on the Tigers' 1931 team of any city.

Seven Montgomery boys, all boasting of outstanding high school records, are wearing the colors of the Plainsmen. They are Co-captain Chattie Davidson, Harry Crossland, George Egge, and Tom Shackelford, ex-Sidney Lanier stars, and Henry Chambless, Tom Brown and Lindley Hatfield, three of the greatest football players ever produced at Cloverdale.

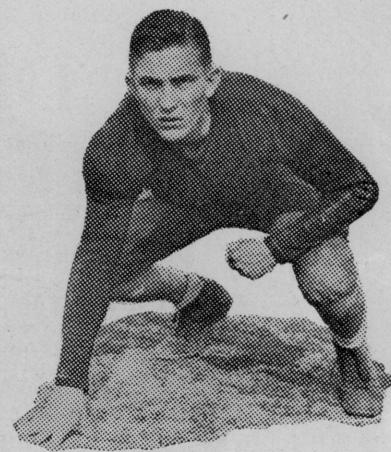
All except Chambless and Crossland were members of the varsity team last year and received letters. Chambless and Crossland were recipients of freshman numerals and are two of the leading contenders for guard berths on this season's team.

Davidson plays quarterback and was awarded a gold medal in spring training for being the best blocker on the team. He is a superb performer on the defense. His best work

is done on the defense and aiding his mates when they are carrying the ball, and his all-around ability won for him the co-captaincy of the team. Playing his final year, Davidson is expected to have his best season.

Brown and Hatfield won all-state honors at fullback and halfback at Cloverdale, and have continued to receive honors on the gridiron since entering Auburn. As sophomores in 1930 and 1929, Hatfield was mentioned for all-Southern and Brown for all-American. Hatfield led the team in scoring in 1929 and Brown was second last year. Hatfield's runs of 56 yards against Florida and Georgia Tech on successive Saturday's in 1930 were two of the leading accomplishments made by wearers of the Orange and Blue. They are stellar players on the offense when carrying the calfskin, and regard it as a pleasure to block for their mates and stand out equally as well on the defense. Hatfield is a senior and Brown a junior.

Shackelford was Brown's first understudy in 1930 and gave a good account of himself. He played quarterback on the McFaden freshman



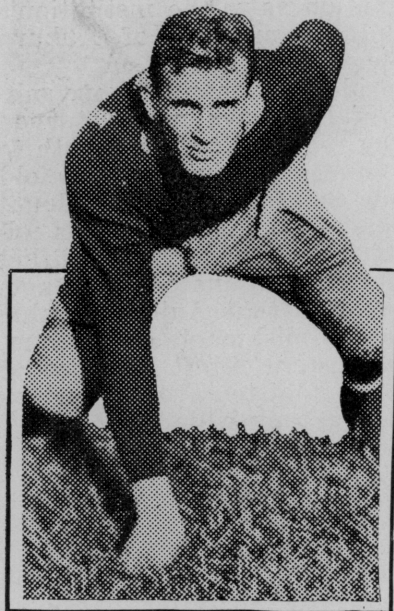
GEORGE EGGE

team in 1929. Egge has been a consistent player for three years and is expected to make his final year his best. He looked good at end against South Carolina in the final game on the 1930 schedule and if he can reach this form throughout this season will be located at one of the flanks against the Bengals' nine opponents.

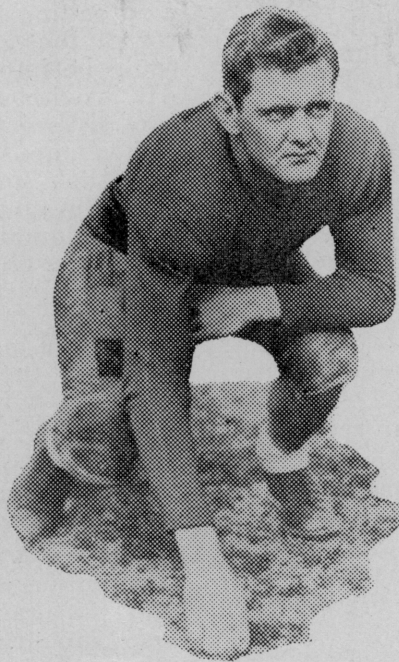
Chambless and Crossland are slated for plenty of service at guards. The former played on the championship Georgia Military College eleven in 1929 after leaving Cloverdale, and is well versed in the Notre Dame System. He is good in pulling out of the line to form the interference and is large and capable enough to take care of his duties on the defense. His work in spring training and this fall puts him in the front ranks for a regular position.

Crossland, all-state guard at Lanier in 1929, is a little slow on the offense, but is rated highly by Coach Kiley on defense. He is a rugged, willing player who seems destined for regular duty if he can develop more speed.

Not only will the Capital City be the battleground for the Tigers' clashes with Birmingham-Southern, Friday night, September 25; Tulane, November 7, and South Carolina, Thanksgiving, November 26, but will probably take the prize of having the largest representation on a college gridiron team of any city in Dixie.



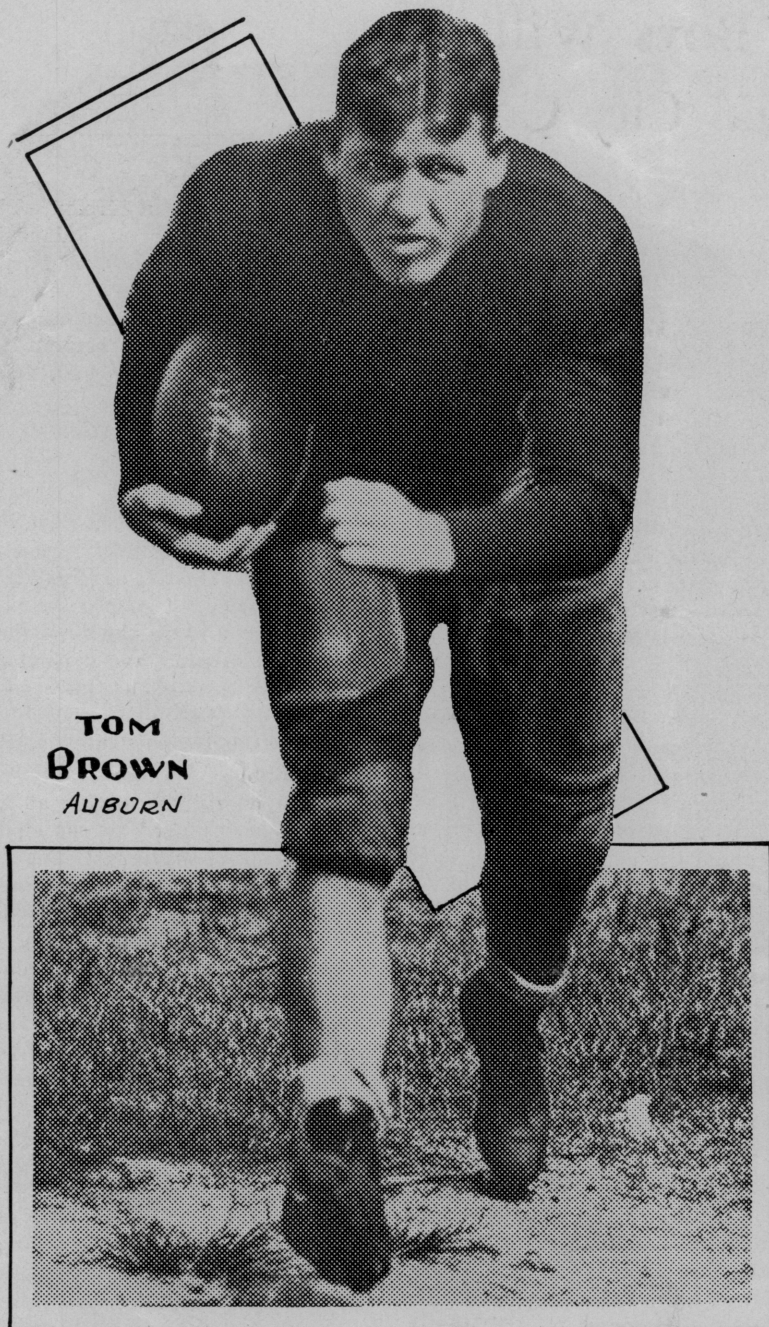
J. D. BUSH



CO-CAPTAINS WILL LEAD TIGERS THIS FALL

James Bush, Mobile, tackle, and Chattie Davidson, Montgomery, quarterback, will captain the 1931 football team. Bush was awarded a gold medal in spring training for being the best tackle in blocking the guard and Davidson one for being the best blocker on the team. Both are seniors and expected to make their final season wearing the Orange and Blue their best. 1931 eleven will have co-leaders for the first time since 1895 when W. R. Shafer and Reynolds Tichenor were co-captains.

SEPT. 25—B'ham-Southern in Montgomery (Friday Night Game).
OCT. 10—Wisconsin at Madison.
OCT. 17—Ga. Tech in Atlanta.
OCT. 24—Florida in Jacksonville.
OCT. 31—Spring Hill College in Auburn.
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NOV. 21—Georgia in Columbus.
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**'31 TIGERS WILL LEARN
FINER POINTS OF GAME**

By CHET WYNNE
Head Coach, A. P. I.

WE HERE at Auburn feel that the prospects are much brighter than a year ago at this time. The task of building an offense last fall was almost impossible due to lack of time, and in all my years of coaching it was the worst I have ever had. In looking back I sometimes wonder just how those boys made as many yards as they did. We had no chance to give them any polish for what little time we had was consumed in teaching the fundamentals.

This fall we are going to have

more time to teach the boys the finer points of offense and defense, because we stressed the fundamentals in spring practice; however, we have a tremendous amount of work to do before the team will be in shape for the first game. We are going to miss Harkins, Taylor, Burt, and Wilson but with the remainder of the boys back, and with some promising men from the freshman team of last year, their places should be satisfactorily filled.

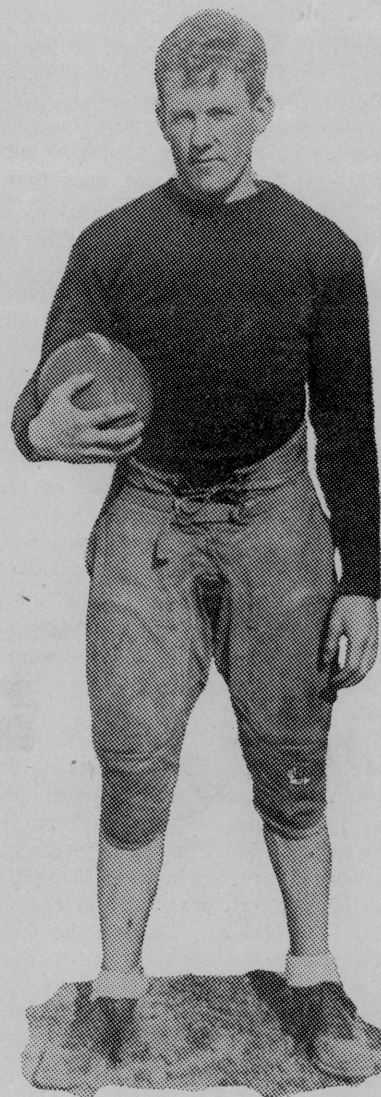
We have an exceedingly hard schedule and our team is going to be much lighter than the better class of teams in the Southern Conference. We are starting off again with Birmingham-Southern which has always given Auburn a really hard game and

has won more than its share of victories the last few years.

Our next game, an inter-secional one with Wisconsin in Madison, presents a difficult problem. Wisconsin retains her 1930 team and has a host of new men coming up and prospects are better there than at any time in the last decade. It is an early game and a routing before entering our conference schedule would be anything but encouraging, especially when Wisconsin, Georgia Tech, and Florida are to be met on succeeding Saturdays. We realize that Auburn was scheduled as a practice game and yet our boys feel that they are representing the South at Madison on that day and are going to do their utmost.

We played both Florida and Georgia Tech close games last year and I suppose they will bristle up some this year when we meet them again in their own strongholds. So far as the rest of the schedule is concerned, it

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LINDLEY HATFIELD

What Became of the Classmates?

1881

Fred Davenport, Taylor Street, Americus, Ga., has been postmaster at Americus for the past 18 years.

Frank Judson Dudley, 825 Benning Blvd., Columbus, Ga., has been actively engaged in the lumber and building business since 1890. He is now president of Dudley Sash, Door & Lumber Co. and holds the same office with the Fidelity Loan and Investment Co. of that city.

1896

Sydney J. Bross, San Saba, Texas, recently visited Auburn for the first time since his graduation 35 years ago. He is now engaged in highway engineering. While in Auburn, Mr. Bross spent much time renewing old friendships and talking over early college days. With him was his nephew, William L. Bross of Gadsden.

1893

Edward Baker Mell, 897 Milledge Ave., Athens, Ga., principal of Athens High School for many years, has been connected with this school system since graduation. While in college he was a member of the S. A. E. Fraternity, Captain Company C, won the Company medal, a sword for best drilled company, and was representative speaker of his class in Sophomore, Junior, and Senior years.

He says, "The greatest honor I have received since graduation is being permitted to be principal in the same school system for 35 years." He was three times president of the Eighth District High School Association and Secretary for three years of the Georgia Education Association.

1908

M. C. Ellis, Clewiston, Fla., life member in the Alumni Association, is engaged in government survey work.

H. W. Esslinger, Tech High School, Memphis, Tenn., played tackle on Auburn's famous football team for three years and was all-Southern in 1908 and 1909. For eight years he has been teaching in the Memphis High School. He was a Delta Sigma Phi. For several summers he has taken special work at Auburn and will soon get his Master's degree.

Jacie Lee Esslinger, LaMesa, New Mexico, is engaged in the business of farming and will be glad to hear from any of his friends or old classmates.

SUCCESSFUL ALUMNUS



STANTON S. HERTZ, B.S. in E. E. '11 and E. E. '26, has achieved remarkable success in his field since his graduation; he is now general sales manager and a member of the board of directors of the Copperweld Steel Co. in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Hertz, who entered the Junior Class in 1909, played class basketball and was a member of Auburn's first glee club, organized in 1911.

After graduation he went with the Westinghouse Electric Co., and worked in the Testing Department in East Pittsburgh until 1916. He was with the Electrical Engineering and Manufacturing Co., in Pittsburgh, from 1916 until 1919. During the war period he went overseas as a first lieutenant in the 56th Engineers.

In 1920 he joined the Copperweld Steel Co. as electrical engineer. He was located in New York as eastern manager until 1927, when he received his present position.

Mr. Hertz is an honorary life member of the International Association of Municipal Electricians. He is vice-president of the Railway Telephone and Telegraph Appliance Association, and a member of Committees in the National Electric Light Association, A. I. E. E., and American Electric Railway Association. He is a member of the board of directors of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors. Mr. Hertz is also

1909

Clarence Herman Nixon, Ph.D., professor of history at Tulane University, passed through Auburn on a hurried visit recently. His many friends were glad to see him. Dr. Nixon was a member American Peace Commission, Paris, in 1919.

1912

David C. Rumph, Montezuma, Georgia, is engaged in the fruit growing business.

Alton Medlock is with the Department of Agriculture, Montgomery, Ala.

1915

Capt. Norman McNeill, Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Ga., was a recent visitor in the alumni office. Capt. McNeill was enroute to Gainesville from Camp Beauregard, C. M. T. C., Alexandria, La., and stopped over a short while to see Auburn and a few of his old friends here.

1918

William Benjamin West, 30 East Avenue, Valley Stream, N. Y., has recently been appointed as editorial representative for the magazine **Engineering**, London, England.

1919

Capt. James H. Drake has been transferred to the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Ga., where he will serve as instructor. For the past two years he has been on duty at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. His many Auburn friends and relatives are delighted that his present assignment brings him so near Auburn. Captain Drake visited the campus early in September.

1920

Lester Lamar English, Box 81, Spring Hill, Ala., is associate entomologist with the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He took his Master's degree in 1925 and Ph.D. degree in 1927 at Iowa State College.

1921

Frank Sydney McFaden, B.S. in C. E., 1207 Felder Ave., Montgom-

a member of several fraternal organizations.

In 1916 he served as president of the Auburn Alumni Association of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Hertz expresses the opinion that engineering graduates of Auburn are as fine a group as is produced by any engineering college in the United States.

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ery, Ala., is engineer and estimator with Algernon Blair, Contractor, in Montgomery. His business address is First National Bank Building.

1922

William L. Bross visited the campus recently with his uncle, Sydney J. Bross '96. William L. is now superintendent of the Power Plant of the Alabama Power Co. in Gadsden. His address is Box 111, Gadsden, Ala.

1925

Earl Allen Barks gives his present address as 118 North 54th St., Birmingham, Ala.

Amby Campbell, Box 416, Boaz, Ala., is district manager with the American Life, Birmingham, Ala.

Davis Lawson Garvin, Rock Run, Ala., is head of the experiment spinning laboratory, Tobize-Chatillon Corp., Rome, Ga. He also conducts a poultry farm at Rock Run, Ala., spending the week ends there.

Robert B. Reynolds, who received his Ph.D. degree in 1928 at the University of Wisconsin, is now with the department of chemistry of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. His duties are teaching, research, and directing research of graduate students with main interest in physiological chemistry. He is on the board of directors of the Chicago section of the American Chemical Society and also chairman of the Committee on Public Representation of that section.

Thomas D. Samford, Jr., Box 550, Opelika, Ala., is practicing law with the firm of Samford and Samford of that city. He received his LL.B. degree from the University of Ala-

bama in 1930. He is a member of the A. T. O. fraternity, Phi Delta Phi, and O. D. K., and chairman of board of the Alabama Law Journal.

Eugene Aiken Bartlett, 7124 1st Ave., So., Birmingham, Ala., is assistant chemist with the Lehigh Portland Cement Co., Birmingham.

Dr. Donald F. Cathcart, M.D., 1929, Tulane, gives his present address as 1028 Forest Ave., Montgomery, Ala.

Richard Hooker Cobbs is living in Gadsden, Ala.

Clyde Augustus "Hardboy" Pruitt, Box 106, Atmore, Ala., is coaching and teaching at Escambia High School, Atmore.

J. W. Milner, Albertville, Ala., is teaching vocational agriculture in the Secondary High School. Since leaving college in 1925 he has successfully taught in the same school. There are two Master Farmers in his territory about whom he is glad to talk.

1926

Walter Lewis Kinzer gives his address as 901 E. 4th St., Tusculumbia, Ala.

Walter Leon Randolph is now Director of Information, Alabama Farm Bureau, Montgomery, Ala.

Gerald D. Salter, Selma, Ala., is at the head of the science department in the Selma High School. In the summers of 1928 and 1929 he took a trip to Europe and traveled on bicycle through England, Belgium, France, and Germany. Occasionally, in addition to his regular work of teaching, he writes articles for the newspapers of the state.

N. V. Woodruff is an engineer with the Hercules Powder Company, Parlin, N. J.

Lofton F. Ingram, Collinsville, Ala., has been teaching since his graduation.

1929

K. V. Reagan, teacher of vocational agriculture at Glenco City, Ala., visited the Alumni Office recently. Of the seven brothers in the family, four of them have come to Auburn. J. M. Reagan '23, insurance agent for the Reliance Life, Talladega, Ala., R. A. "Ripp" Reagan '24, captain of the 1923 football team, was all-Southern and is now engaged in the hardware business in Attalla, Ala., Theorin Reagan '33 is now a member of the Junior class at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. All these boys are enthusiastic and loyal men.

Miss Irma Bentley teaches Spanish and mathematics in Piedmont Junior College, Wadley, Ala.

Wilbur Thomas Edwards, 3072 Altamont Road, Birmingham, Ala., has

been connected with the Southern Bell Telephone Company since leaving college. He recently visited in Auburn and while at the Alumni Office, paid his dues for the current year.

Millard Munford Whitehead, B.S., Ed., 431 South 5th St., Gadsden, Alabama, returned to the campus, visited the Alumni Office and paid his subscription to the Alumnus. He expects to teach next year, having majored in history and social science. He completed his work for his Master's degree and expects to finish his thesis at an early date.

1930

Roberts Brown taught English at the Brewton (Ala.) High School last year. He is now on his way to England, Scotland, and Ireland and hopes to make interesting observations in the old country during the coming year.

During the past several months he has been employed on a freighter plying between America and the British Isles.

1931

Thomas B. DeLoach called by the Alumni Office recently and gave his address as Prattville, Ala.

Sam Williams was a visitor on the campus during early September. During the past summer he studied at the Y. M. C. A. Graduate School which holds its summer session at Blue Ridge, N. C.

Here he distinguished himself both academically and on the athletic field. He was runner-up in the tennis finals, a member of the baseball team, and was selected as one of the

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This fall Mr. Williams will continue his studies at the Y. M. C. A. Graduate School in Nashville, Tenn., where he has been awarded a scholarship. He will study physical education and be one of the gym instructors at Vanderbilt University.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

1925

The marriage of Miss Bettie McKinney and Graham Paul Willoughby took place on July 8, at the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Ala. Mrs. Willoughby, who has been associated with music department of the Birmingham City Schools for several years, previously attended Georgia State College and Birmingham-Southern. Mr. Willoughby, graduate of 1925, is now associated with the Nashville Bridge Company.

PREXY'S PAGE

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Endowment~

Sometime I want to write an article for The Alumnus upon the necessity of a real endowment fund for

this institution. I have been deeply impressed in the last year with the growing necessity of our interesting some men of wealth and many men of spirit and self-sacrifice in creating a fund here which would tide us over periods of difficulty and which could be kept inviolate and never be used for any purpose except for the purpose of helping the institution and then always restored to the full extent of its original principal sum. Many of the colleges in America are realizing fully the necessity of some endowment to help in periods of emergency. I shall take this up at length in some future article.

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Dr. Blue's Administration

The new President of the Alumni Association has taken hold of his work in a wonderful spirit. I want to thank him publicly for helping to get through the last legislature a number of acts which are of material assistance to the institution. His advice and counsel are invaluable. I am sure he will be prepared to announce to the alumni before long some fundamental and important improvements in Auburn which they have been looking forward to for a long time.

MARIANNA, FLA., ALUMNI

On the evening of May 25 the secretary enjoyed the privilege of organizing the first alumni club in Florida at Marianna. The following temporary officers for the organization were elected: John Melton, Jr., '09 president; James B. Ruffin '27 secretary-treasurer; Henry B. Burke '21 correspondent.

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TIGERS LEARN FINE POINTS

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is too far distant to conjecture with and a great number of things can happen before it is played. One of our greatest troubles of last fall should be obviated this year since the boys have overcome the mumps and other childish diseases.

1931-32 ENROLLMENT

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his doctorate at Ohio State University in 1930.

F. S. Arant, who has been on leave for a year as a graduate at Iowa State College at Ames, has returned to the department of entomology and zoology. His time will be divided between teaching and research. E. V. Smith, an Auburn graduate of 1928, will be assistant in botany and plant pathology.

Miss Bess Fleming has been transferred from the position of State leader in 4-H club work for girls to the office of public information for special work in home economics and publications.

In the department of home economics Miss Grace Doughty will succeed Miss Lulu Palmer, who will be a graduate student this year.

YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS

The alumni office wants the correct address of every Auburn man. When your address is changed, kindly drop us a card. Otherwise, we can only continue sending mail from the college to your old location.

"TRAVELLER"

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and sent by my brother to General Lee."

An added excerpt from Gen. Fitzhugh Lee's book on Gen. R. E. Lee in 1894 adds, "He (Gen. Lee) often rode him in Lexington after the war, and at his funeral Traveller followed his hearse. He was appraised by a board in August, 1864, at \$4,600 in Confederate currency."

General Lee himself, after the war, pays all praise to his faithful horse, as shown in this portion of his memoirs:

"If I were an artist I would draw a picture of Traveller—representing

his fine proportions, muscular figure, deep chest, and short back, strong haunches, flat legs, small head, broad forehead, delicate ears, quick eye, small feet, and black mane and tail. Such a picture would inspire a poet, whose genius then could depict his worth and describe his endurance of toil, hunger, thirst, heat, cold, and the dangers and sufferings through which he passed. He could dilate upon his sagacity and affection, and his invariable response to every wish of his rider. He might even imagine his thoughts through the long night marches and days of battle through which he passed. But I am no artist; I can only say, he is a Confederate gray. I purchased him in the mountains of Virginia in 1861, and he has been my patient follower ever since—to Georgia, the Carolinas, and back to Virginia. He carried me through the Seven Days battle around Richmond, the Second Manassas, at Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, the last days of Chancellorsville, to Pennsylvania, at Gettysburg, and back to the Rappahannock. From the commencement of the campaign in 1864 at Orange, till its close around Petersburg, the saddle was scarcely off his back, as he passed through the fire of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, and across the James River. He was almost in daily requisition in the winter of 1864-65 on the long lines of defenses from Chickahominy, north of Richmond, to Hatcher's Run, south of Appomattox. In the campaign of 1865 he bore me from Petersburg to the final days at Appomattox Court House. You must know the comfort he is to me in my present retirement. . ."

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New Commandant



MAJOR G. H. FRANKE

REPLACING Major John T. Kennedy as Commandant, Major Gustav H. Franke has assumed his new duties as head of the Military Department.

Major Franke is a graduate of the U. S. Military Academy, and has had extensive service in the Army. He commanded Battery "A" of the 7th Field Artillery Regiment during its baptism of fire in the Luneville Sector. His was the first American Battery in the World War to fire as a complete battery with prepared data against a definite German target.

As recognition for service in this engagement he received the distinguished honor of being awarded the Croix de Guerre by the French.

McWHORTER APPOINTED ON U. S. POWER COMMISSION

Roger B. McWhorter '09 received the appointment late in May as chief engineer of the Federal Power Commission. He was one of the builders of the Wilson Dam at Muscle Shoals.

Mr. McWhorter will succeed Lieut. Col. M. C. Tyler, of the Army Engineers, who has been loaned to the Commission by the War Department for several years.

The engineering record of the new chief was made principally on the Tennessee River, the St. Lawrence Waterway, the Mississippi and the Miami conservancy district in southwestern Ohio.

Since last September Mr. McWhorter has been chief engineer of the Great Lakes division. The latter work, the Power Commission said, kept him in touch with navigation and power studies on the St. Lawrence.

With the appointment of Mr. McWhorter as chief engineer of the Federal Power Commission, there was assurance of occupancy of that important office by an engineer thoroughly familiar with waterway problems of the South.

A native of Alabama, the new chief engineer of the Power Commission has had experience at Muscle Shoals and on Mississippi levee work and flood plans.

Mr. McWhorter was born at River-ton, Ala., and is a graduate of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. From 1910 to 1915 he was engaged in hydro-electric investigations on the Tennessee River from Hales Bar Dam to Muscle Shoals and in the next two years he assisted investigations for development of Muscle Shoals for navigation and power, having assisted largely in preparation of plans and estimates presented to the 64th Congress.

From 1923 to 1925 he was superintendent of construction of Wilson Dam at Muscle Shoals. For two years he was consulting engineer on studies relating to spillways and flood control on the lower Mississippi for the Orland Levee district of Louisiana



This cartoon appeared in the 1920 Glomera-ta. It was a joint accomplishment of two carefree sophomores, one of whom, Julian Hall, is now editor of a live and coming daily newspaper, The Dothan Eagle, and the other, R. B. Draughon, a recent addition to the Department of History. The cartoon is reminiscent of an earlier Auburn when Dean George Petrie had charge of admissions. Thousands of alumni will remember their first interview with this college official.

and for two years more he was engaged on the Mississippi flood control project particularly Bonnet Carre Spillway above New Orleans.

For seven years he was first assistant then chief engineer of the flood control work of the Miami district in Ohio.

He was consulted by the New York



A GROUP OF AUBURN BELLES AND BEAU BRUMMELLS OF 1890

This old picture was furnished by Mrs. Mary Newman Walker, third from the left in the third row, and now living in Auburn. In the picture, left to right, are: Front row—Norma Weaver, Mary Randolph Newman (Mrs. Barton Cameron), Happy Newman (Mrs. Pierce M. Bealer) deceased, George H. Wearing. Second row—Mrs. J. S. Newman, Andrew Floyd, Mary Hurt (Mrs. Andrew Floyd), Agnes Bradford (Mrs. W. B. Magruder) deceased, Morgan Watlington. Third row—Frank Philips, Mary Bradford (Mrs. J. C. McKennie), Mary Stanley Newman (Mrs. Earnest Walker), Fontaine Broun.

State Board on St. Lawrence River power development. Since last September he has been chief engineer of the Great Lakes division of the Federal Government.

MOTHER OF AUBURN WAR HERO DIES IN BREWTON

Mrs. Julia Downing McCall, age 62, mother of the late C. M. McCall '16, died at her home in Brewton on March 17. C. M. McCall was killed in action in France during the World War and his name is listed upon the scroll of War Dead hanging now in the president's office. Mrs. McCall was one of the Gold Star mothers who made the trip to Europe in 1930.

The Claude McCall Post of the American Legion at Brewton, named for Auburn's war hero, officiated at the funeral.

In the March-April, 1918, issue of **The Alumnus** there appears the following data: "C. M. McCall, Brewton, Alabama, class of 1916, Auburn. First Lieutenant of Infantry, Alabama National Guard. Killed in action by machine gun fire. He conducted his platoon across river, upon being withdrawn his body was brought back and buried in the village of Villette, August 9, 1918."

C. B. KETCHAM '11 MADE MANAGER SALES OFFICES

C. B. Ketcham, who graduated in electrical engineering in the class of 1911, has been made manager of the Westinghouse Electric Company's sales offices in Columbus and Dayton, Ohio, according to information received at his alma mater.

During the first year after graduation he was at Cincinnati as sales clerk. Later he went to Dayton, Ohio, and then to Indianapolis. During the World War he was first lieutenant in the engineering corps, serving in France two years. Upon his discharge from the Army he returned to the Westinghouse Co. where he was manager of the Louisville office from 1920 to 1923. Next he was superintendent of the Cincinnati office, prior to becoming manager at Columbus and Dayton.

Mr. Ketcham was in Auburn with his wife for the opening of college. His wife's brother, Marvin Heim, entered as a student in electrical engineering.

News has reached Auburn that H. P. Sparks, another Auburn graduate in electrical engineering, has been made sales manager of the Newark, N. J., Westinghouse Co. Mr. Sparks is a motor engineer, being the inventor of the Shoboscopic method of meter reading.

MAJOR KENNEDY MAKES FINE RECORD



MAJ. JOHN T. KENNEDY

After five years of continuous service as commandant of the R. O. T. C. Unit at Auburn, Major John T. Kennedy was transferred in August to the Army War College in Washington.

Major Kennedy came to Auburn in 1926 from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he had been an instructor. Under his leadership, the Auburn R. O. T. C. Unit each year won the highest rating of the War Department.

The retiring Auburn Commandant has seen service in the Philippines, and it was an act of bravery in an encounter with native outlaws that won for him the award of the Congressional Medal of Honor. He was with Funstan's expedition to Vera Cruz and General Pershing's punitive expedition to Northern Mexico.

As Lieutenant Colonel of the 5th Field Artillery in the World War he rendered distinguished service in the St. Mihiel and the Muse Argonne offensives during the World War. For his invaluable service at this time he received the Distinguished Service Medal.

Major Kennedy leaves many friends who regret his departure and look forward to his continued success.

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